

## EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

### Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.31, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby amends Chapter 22, “Authorizations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The Board’s rules currently provide for the issuance of a substitute authorization, which provides an individual limited authority to act as a substitute teacher in a secondary classroom for no more than 5 consecutive days and no more than 10 days in a 30-day period in one job assignment for a regularly assigned teacher who is absent. To obtain the substitute authorization, an applicant must hold a bachelor’s degree. The applicant must also pass a background check and complete a minimum of 15 hours of coursework in classroom management, strategies for learning, diversity, and ethics. The amendment expands the authority of this authorization to include the elementary classroom.

This amendment is based on input from the field. Specifically, school administrators have indicated they often face a shortage of qualified substitute teachers and would benefit from a rule granting the administrators the discretion to place effective holders of the substitute authorization in elementary classrooms as well as secondary classrooms.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 1552C** on July 23, 2014. A public hearing was held on August 13, 2014, with written comment accepted until August 15, 2014. No one attended the hearing, and two written comments were received. One comment was in favor of the amendment, and one was in opposition.

This amendment is identical to that published under Notice of Intended Action.

There is an agencywide waiver provision available in 282—Chapter 6.

The Board of Educational Examiners adopted this amendment on October 10, 2014.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no anticipated impact on jobs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.31.

This amendment will become effective December 17, 2014.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend rule 282—22.2(272), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**282—22.2(272) Substitute authorization.** A substitute authorization allows an individual to substitute in ~~a middle school, junior high school, or high school~~ grades PK-12 for no more than 5 consecutive days and no more than 10 days in a 30-day period in one job assignment for a regularly assigned teacher who is absent, except in the driver’s education classroom. A school district administrator may file a written request with the board for an extension of the 10-day limit in one job assignment on the basis of documented need and benefit to the instructional program. The licensure committee will review the request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request. An individual who holds a paraeducator certificate without a bachelor’s degree and completes the substitute authorization program is authorized to substitute only in the special education classroom in which the individual paraeducator is employed. ~~This special education classroom may be on the preschool or elementary school level as well as the middle school, junior high school or high school level.~~

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